

**Remarks**

The Applicants note with appreciation withdrawal of all of the previous objections and rejections.

The Applicants note the rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 10 for clarification purposes. No change in claim scope is intended.

In particular, Claim 1 has been amended by breaking the recited components into separate paragraphs. Also, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the filler contains 60wt% or more of silicic acid or 60wt% or more of a silicate. Claim 1 now more clearly recites that there is an optional organic filler which contains 90wt% or more of pulverized coal. Support for this clarifying change may be found in the last paragraph of page 14 of the Applicants' Specification, for example.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been amended similarly to Claim 1 with respect to paragraphs, numbering of components and the clarification with respect to the amount of silicic acid or silicate in the filler. In Claim 10, however, the organic filler is present.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments further clarify Claims 1 and 10 beyond the meaning of those claims that could be gleaned from reference to the Specification. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

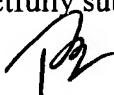
The Applicants have added new Claims 19-22. They are based primarily on original Claims 3 and 12 which contain similar subject matter. New Claims 19-22 are added as substitutes for original Claims 3 and 12 and are intended to present that subject matter in a clear fashion. Entry into

the official file in consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Applicants have also made two minor amendments to the Specification with respect to headings to place them into more contemporary form.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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